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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SBJJECT: INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST

1. I HAVE RECIEVED A SECRET NODIS PRIORITY CABLE INSTRUCTING ME "NOT TO INITIATE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE INDIAN DETONATION." I GATHER THIS MEANS DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE BOMB. BUT THESE ARE PRECISELY THE ORDERS THE SECRETARY ISSUED SATURDAY MORNING. IS THERE ANYBODY BACK THERE WHO THINKS I CAN'T READ? I HAVE BRIEFED THE AMERICAN PRESS EXPLAINING THAT WE WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO SAY , PERIOD. EVEN TO THE POINT OF PROVIDING TECHNICAL EXPLANATIONS OF HOW IT ALL WORKS. THE PRESS HAS BEEN UNDERSTANDING. NOT ONE WORD HAS COME OUT OF THIS EMBASSY. IS THERE ANYONE BACK THERE WHO THINKS DIFFERENTLY?

2. SAID SECRET NODIS DISPATCH ALSO REPORTS YOU HAVE ALL UNDER-TAKEN AN "URGENT INTERAGENCY REVIEW". IS THIS THE NSSM THE SECRETARY ALSO ORDERED SATURDAY MORNING,OR IS IT A COMPETITIVE EFFORT? HAPPY TO THINK DEPARTMENT EXPERIMENTING WITH ADVERSARY STYLES IN POLICY MAKING. DOES THE SECRETARY KNOW?
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